

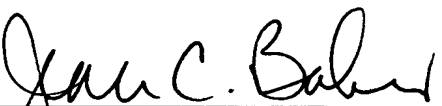
Remarks/Arguments

In response to the Patent Office communication mailed December 7, 2004, Applicants resubmit the amended claims. It is Applicants' understanding that they need only submit the claims and not the rest of the application.

Applicants believe that the time period for response for the above-identified Action is December 1, 2004—the time period of response set for the November 1, 2004 Office Action. Applicants have submitted a Petition and Fee for Extension of Time for one month so that this response will be filed in a timely manner. If further fees are needed, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

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